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**SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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**SMALL ENTITY STATUS:**

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.27, Applicants request to be designated as small entity status.


**REQUEST FOR REFUND:**

On September 7, 2006, Applicants submitted the above-identified patent application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The patent application included an application filing fee payment of \$900.00. The application filing fee payment was the amount due for a large entity. However, in view of the above establishment of small entity status, the small entity application filing fee (\$450.00) is the correct fee due for that application filing fee. Accordingly, Applicants request a refund of \$450.00 (\$900.00 paid - \$450.00 small entity fee equals \$450.00). Please credit deposit account number 02-1818 for the \$450.00 refund.

Applicants believe no fees are due for this submission. However, please charge deposit account number 02-1818 for any required fees for this submission. Applicants kindly request that the above-identified Attorney Docket No. 113197-048 be referenced with respect to the refund/credit and any charges made to the deposit account as discussed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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